

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 3783

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SU, KS  
SUBJECT: GOS RECOGNITION ROKG

REF: KHARTOUM 3719

1. DURING CASUAL MEETING AT SOCIAL OCCASION DEC 20, CONGEN KIM VOLUNTEERED TO DCM THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE ALONG REGARDING GOS RECOGNITION ROKG. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI BUT CLAIMED THAT ROKG WOULD LIKE SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIAL TO VISIT SEOUL BEFORE FORMAL STEPS TAKEN. KIM SAID MINSTATE FONAFFS FRANCIS DENG PROBABLY WILL VISIT SEOUL IN FEBRUARY, AND HE ANTICIPATES ESTABLISHMENT FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BY NEXT SPRING. KIM CONFIRMED THAT NIMEIRI'S SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR MANSOUR KHALID HAD BEEN EXPECTED ARRIVE SEOUL SHORTLY (REFTEL) BUT TRIP SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR REASONS KIM UNAWARE.

2. ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS BILATERAL RELATIONS, KIM SAID VISITS TO SOUTH KOREA OF MINSTATE FOR SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS DR. BAH AL-DIN IDRIS AND MINISTER TRADE AND SUPPLY HAROUN AL-AWAD WERE SUCCESSFUL. BOTH MINISTERS WERE IMPRESSED WITH SOUTH KOREA. TRADE AGREEMENT REACHED  
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WHEREBY KOREAN EXPORT FINANCING WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR SOME \$80 MILLION IN EXPORTS, INCLUDING \$65 MILLION WORTH RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK AND \$15 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN KHARTOUM (I.E. OAU VIP ACCOMMODATIONS).

3. COMMENT: UNCLEAR WHETHER CANCELLATION KHALID'S VISIT

REFLECTS LAST-MINUTE FOOTDRAGGING ON PART GOS OR SIMPLY  
HIS OWN TYPICALLY IDIOSYNCRATIC CHANGE IN ITINERARY (WE  
WOULD GUESS FORMER). IF TRADE AGREEMENT HAS IN ANY CASE  
BEEN SIGNED BUT NOT ANNOUNCED, SUDANESE WOULD APPEAR SO  
FAR TO HAVE BENEFITED MORE FROM RELATIONSHIP THAN ROKG.  
QUESTION ARISES WHETHER GOSRECOGNITION MAY PROVE TO BE  
MECHANICAL RABBIT LEADING SOUTH KOREANS ON. THIS CONNECTION,  
EVEN THOUGH GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO, DENG MADE NO  
COMMENT TO AMBASSADOR DURING EXTENDED PRIVATE TALK DEC 21  
SUGGESTING HE HAS ANY PLANS VISIT SEOUL SOON. BREWER

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